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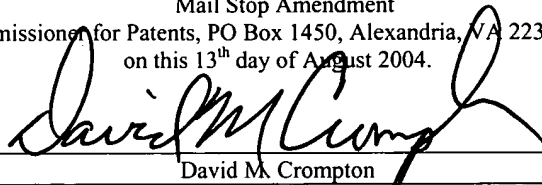
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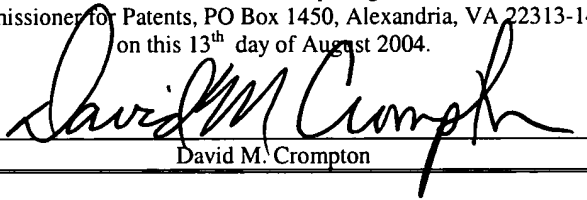
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Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed and brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the instant application relies on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 09/863,152, filed May 22, 2001, under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The information disclosure statement submitted in the earlier application is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each non-U.S. patent/publication document or other information listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is provided, with the exception of the references cited in the earlier application which are not required to be provided for this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

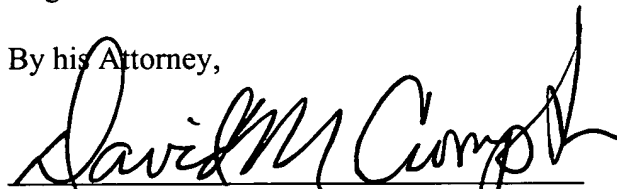
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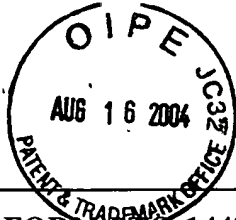
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#5,706,345 1/06/98 Inventor: Allen, Title: Over the Head Hands Free Phone Holder

This utility patent represents a portable phone holder that uses spring loaded gripper fingers to hold the phone in a rigid plastic frame. It is distinct from applicant's design.

#6,374,090 4/16/2002 Inventor: Morales, Title: Cellular Telephone Handset Holder

This utility patent represents a clip which fits onto the outer portion of one ear but does not have the full headset holder of applicant's design.

#6,038,312 3/14/2000 Inventor: Bromley, Title: Telephone Supporting Device

This utility patent describes a headband with a swiveling phone holder and a screw controlled head adjustment feature. It is distinct from Applicant's design.

#5,828,749 10/27/1998 Inventor: Brodskiy Title: Phone Holder Kit

This utility patent represents a headset with a cradle having a padded platform to hold a phone. Its disclosure is distinct from Applicant's.

#5,407,113 4/18/1995 Inventor: Golliher, Title: Over the Head Hands-Free Phone Holder

This utility patent discloses a strap to hold a phone to a user. The patent does not disclose the design of Applicant.

#D,478,072 08/05/2003 Inventor: Chow et al., Title: Telescoping Hands-Free Adaptor for Cellular Phone

This design patent shows a headset to hold a cell phone. The ornamental design shows two telescoping portions, a suction cup portion, and a different holding portion which is distinct from applicant's design.

#D,402,294 12/08/1998 Inventor: Slappey, Title: Phone Holding Headset for Head Mounting of a Phone

This design patent shows an adjustable headset to hold a cell phone. The ornamental design is distinct from applicant's design.

#D,353,821 12/27/1994 Inventor: Hammer, et al., Title: Telephone Support Device for Head Mounted Use

This design patent shows the ornamental design for a headset to hold a cell phone. This design is also distinct from applicant's design.

#D,333,306 2/16/1993 Inventor: Ferraro Title: Headgear to Hold a Telephone Handset on a user

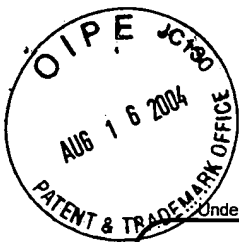
This design patent shows the ornamental design for an adjustable headset to hold a cell phone. Its design is distinct from applicant's.

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